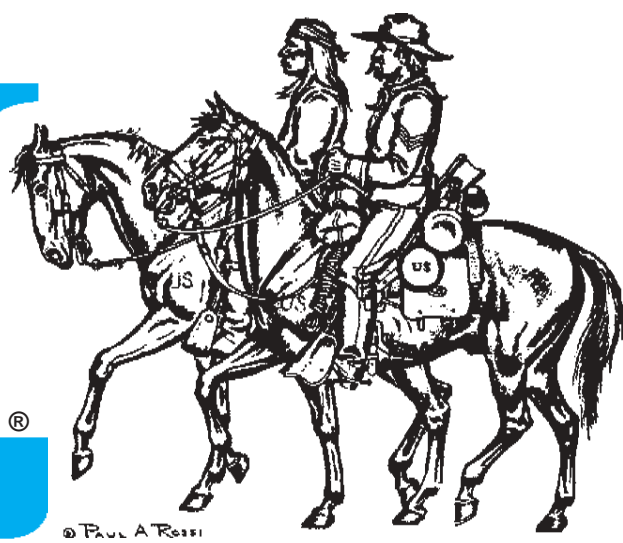




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Women's Equality Day

Fort Huachuca will celebrate Women's Equality Day in an observance starting at 11:15 a.m. Aug. 29 at La Hacienda.

The theme for this year's program is "Celebrating women's right to vote" featuring Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppel, the Army's first female Rabbi, as the keynote speaker.

The event will feature a buffet. Tickets are \$8. Tickets are available by calling the following Equal Opportunity Offices: Post 533-1717/5305, Army Signal Command 538-0909, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade 538-0533, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade 533-3672, and 11th Signal Brigade 533-5202.

AUSA membership meeting

The Fort Huachuca - Sierra Vista Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will hold a general membership meeting and corporate member reception 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Windmere Hotel in Sierra Vista.

Col. Lawrence J. Portouw, U.S. Army Garrison commander, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call George Wheat, chapter president, at 533-0526.

2002 CFC to begin soon

The 2002 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will begin soon.

The initial meeting for unit coordinators will be held Monday 10 - 11:30 a.m., in the Greely Hall Auditorium, Room 1215.

This year's campaign will run from Sept. 25 - Nov. 6. Organizations should have already received a tasking letter requiring them to appoint unit coordinator's and key workers.

The training session for unit coordinators and key workers will take place Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Greely Hall Auditorium, Room 1215.

If you have questions regarding the training, call the CFC Coordinator at 940-0219 or email afsgqhxo@hqasc.army.mil.

Change of command

The 11th Signal Brigade will conduct a change of command ceremony 8 a.m., Wednesday on Brown Parade Field. The outgoing commader, Col. Mark S. Bowman, will relinquish command to Col. Brian R. Hurley.

For more information, contact 11th Signal Brigade at 533-5646/8550.

PX/Commissary meeting

The members of the Post Exchange and Defense Commissary Agency Council will meet Tuesday, at the Murr Community Center, with representatives of the Command Group, units and other interested groups.

The PX and Commissary Council meetings are held every three months on the last Tuesday of the month in the Murr Community Center. Management personnel from the PX will be available from 1-2 p.m., followed by management personnel from the post's Commissary from 2-3 p.m.

The meetings are open to all active duty, DoD civilians, family members and retirees, and all units and activities on Fort Huachuca are invited send a representative to these meetings.

POW/MIA Walkathon

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will conduct a POW/MIA Walkathon, 6-8 a.m., Sept. 20, at Chaffee Parade Field to commemorate POWs and MIAs from America's Armed Forces. This event is open to the public.

TRADOC, FORSCOM asks AAFES to remove all ephedra products

TRADOC News Service

Training and Doctrine Command has joined with Forces Command in asking the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to remove products containing ephedra, a compound normally found in diet products.

What prompted the requests was the death of a soldier at Fort Hood, Texas, who collapsed and died during a run in late April, according to FORSCOM officials.

"This soldier was likely taking a nutritional supplement containing a combination of the herbs Ma Huang and Guara," said Dr. (Col.) Bernard DeKoning, TRADOC Surgeon. "Of concern are the supplements containing Ma Huang or ephedra, which

is a naturally occurring form of the drug ephedrine. That is why this request for removing ephedra-containing products from AAFES shelves for six months until the findings from the Department of Health and Human Services are released."

According to a National Football League press release, which FORSCOM obtained, the NFL banned ephedra use among the players beginning July 1. They have added it to the list of substances they test athletes for.

A naturally occurring form of the drug ephedrine, ephedra is called a "fat burner." By burning fat and working out, soldiers feel they can



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Dietary weight loss products containing ephedra, like those pictured above, will be removed from AAFES shelves.

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

To the rescue

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Davenport, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, enters a helicopter during training as part of the Cochise County Search and Rescue team Sunday. Davenport, along with several soldiers from his unit, volunteer with the team. See related story and photos on Page 3.

Fort unites in freedom to honor victims, heroes of Sept. 11

By Tanja Linton
Media Relations Officer

The soldiers, civilians and family members of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca ask the community to unite with us in freedom to remember and honor the victims and heroes of last year's terrorist attacks.

The fort will participate in two events, one in the morning and one in the evening, to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Several thousand soldiers, as well as airmen, Marines and sailors, will conduct a formation on Chaffee Parade Field at 6:30 a.m.,

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Underground erosion causes intersection closure on post

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Drivers entering the Auger and Adair Road intersection Aug. 15 were denied entry into the road leading toward the Brown Parade Field Gazebo due to the discovery of major scouring adjacent to an underground culvert.

Scouring, caused by water eroding dirt underneath the ground, is a bad situation for motorists according to Daniel Nucci, civil engineer, Director of Installation Support.

Nucci explained the culvert, which was built in 1935, is segmented construction with a concrete bottom slab, sidewall pours and a top pour. Drainage water got behind the south support wall and bottom slab and scoured the earth.

"When this happened, the bearing capacity of the soil was lost and the bottom slab dropped," Nucci said. "The bottom slab and/or south sidewall fell over 50-60 percent of its length under the intersection." The scouring extends about four feet from the interior face of the south culvert wall.

"The culvert is made of concrete slabs that are supported by dirt and when the dirt leaves, the slabs fall," Nucci said. "It causes a domino effect. The bottom slab, which supports the sidewalls drops, then the sidewall drops and the roof edge are no longer supported as intended. The road is on top of the culvert's roof."

The damaged culvert was discovered when the cu-

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Readers' comments on Sept. 11 sought

Sept. 11 left an enduring mark on our nation.

The Fort Huachuca Scout is compiling comments from our readers on how they remember that day and how they feel America has changed since the attacks.

To offer your comment, send it by mail to the Public Affairs Office, Attn: Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks, 21115 Adair Ave., Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000 or e-mail it to sparksd@hua.army.mil. Please include your name, where you live and a daytime phone number.

Your comments may be edited and chosen to appear in our special Sept. 11, 2002 edition. Comments will be accepted through Aug. 30.



TeamTalk

Brig. Gen. James “Spider” A. and Marty Marks

Are things a little quieter around your home these days with the kids back in school? Got a little extra time on your hands? Would you like to do something to help out our Fort Huachuca community? Your time and your skills are valuable commodities, and there are plenty of places here for you to volunteer. Volunteers are the lifeblood of this great installation, and Jo Richter, our installation volunteer coordinator, can help you find the perfect place to help out.

Volunteers here provide a wide variety of invaluable services in such places as the schools, Army Community Services, Buffalo Corral, the American Red Cross, thrift shop, B Troop, and R.W. Bliss Army Health Center. If you’d like to take advantage of the opportunity to put your talents to good use, or to learn a new skill while helping your community, call Richter at 533-4823.

We hope you all had a chance to read the Aug. 8 insert to *The Fort Huachuca Scout*, which provided an update on the Army Family Action Plan initiatives from our February AFAP conference. As you can see, our staff has been working hard to answer your questions and address your concerns.

One area Marty and I would like to highlight is our teen issues. Building 51003 (right next door to the Burger King on post) has been designated as our new Teen Center, and we are anxiously awaiting funding so we can do the necessary remodeling, equipment purchasing, personnel hiring, etc., for its completion.

Absent sufficient funds, we will establish a Teen Center at an alternate site, next to the Child Development Center. In other words, we will have a Teen Center. It’s just a matter of where we put it.

In addition, the City of Sierra Vista will take over operation of the Sierra Vista Transit Bus System on Oct. 1. They plan on making many improvements to their routes on

Fort Huachuca, including the installation of bus stop shelters and signs showing route maps and times. We expect the changes to impact our teens, as well, because the routes will go to the Youth Center and the new Teen Center and will travel from post to such locations as the Mall at Sierra Vista, Veterans Memorial Park, and Wal-Mart. We believe this will make it easier for our teens to use both on- and off-post community and recreational facilities.

Our new Teen Center will be another way we can work with you parents to make sure our teens have an enjoyable – but safe and affordable – place to have fun. Par-

ents, we ask that you do your part and make sure you know where your children are and what they’re doing at all times.

Women’s Equality Day will be commemorated here on Fort Huachuca next week (Thursday, Aug. 29) at La Hacienda. We hope you will join us at this year’s celebration, with the theme “Celebrating Women’s Right to Vote.” The keynote speaker will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell, the first woman rabbi in

the U.S. Army, who we are fortunate to have assigned here to Fort Huachuca.

You can enjoy a delicious meal at this event as well as pick up a voter registration packet. Be sure to contact the Equal Opportunity folks at 533-1717/5305 to purchase tickets and make your reservations.

Thanks again to everyone who called in during our live town hall meeting, “Feedback,” which was held last week. Our staff and I appreciate this opportunity to let you know what we’re working on – and for you to be able to tell us what’s important and of concern to you.

Remember, we always want to hear what’s on your mind. We appreciate positive feedback about what we’re doing to make Fort Huachuca a community of excellence, and we also need you to keep us on track. Thanks for doing your part to make Fort Huachuca truly an assignment of choice.



Women's Equality Day Proclamation

1. On August 29, 2002, the Fort Huachuca Military Community will celebrate Women’s Equality Day. This year’s theme is “Celebrating Women’s Right to Vote.” This theme reminds us of the effort, energy, and spirit of those women who helped build the nation we live in today.

2. On July 13, 1848, five women met for tea in upstate New York. This meeting became the catalyst that sparked the fight for women’s rights across America. Within two days of the meeting these brave women sent a notice to the local newspaper announcing “a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious conditions and rights of women” to be held six days later in Seneca Falls, thus the Women’s Rights Movement was born. The convention participants drafted a Declaration of Sentiments, which began: “We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

3. In the decades following the convention at Seneca Falls, many of the rights expressed in the Declaration of Sentiments became law. The ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution secured a woman’s right to vote; the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 barred employment discrimination; and the enactment of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 guaranteed equal opportunity in education and sports.

4. Today, as we live a legacy of this historic conversation among women friends, we recognize the massive changes that have occurred as a result of their hard work and dedication. Women continue to distinguish themselves in all aspects of our society, and we must continue our efforts to empower them with the rights and opportunities promised by our founders.

5. I look forward to seeing you at this year’s celebration, and I encourage you to celebrate and remember the contributions and sacrifices of women to our American society, and country as a whole.

James A. Marks

Brig. Gen. James “Spider” A. Marks

Teen curfew reminder

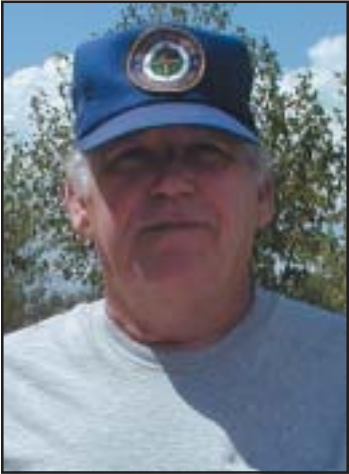
The Fort Huachuca military police would like to remind everyone of the installation curfew for juveniles (defined as anyone under age 18 who is not a soldier or the spouse of a soldier). Per Fort Huachuca Regulation 190-13, the curfew for juveniles under age 16 is 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. seven days a week; for juveniles ages 16 and 17, the curfew hours are midnight to 5 a.m. seven days a week.

Juveniles cannot be on Fort Huachuca, either on foot or in a motor vehicle, during the hours listed above, unless they are accompanied by their parent, guardian, or custodian, or unless they have a curfew permit (Fort Huachuca Form 190-16-R-E) allowing them to be out past the curfew time. The curfew permits are available at the Military Police Station (Building 22336) and at Youth Services.

Military police will detain and cite juveniles violating the curfew. Second offense offenders will have to appear before the Youth Council. Parents are responsible for any juveniles violating the curfew. For more information, contact the military police desk at 533-2181.

Scout on the Street

What are your concerns regarding the West Nile virus?



If everybody would clean up their yards, such as getting rid of any stagnant water and standing tires, chances are we could prevent the virus from coming into this state.

Robert E. King, retired



I’m no more concerned with the West Nile virus than Anthrax. I am more likely to get hit by a car than get bit by a deadly mosquito.

Spc. André Mixon, Medical Activity



I just hope it doesn’t come here. I’ve seen on the news some people have a genetic trait that makes the virus more deadly. I just hope I don’t carry that trait.

Keri Mixon, ISEC administrative assistant



It’s pretty rare when you consider how many people have been affected by it; and the hospitals are preparing and doing patient education.

Julie Gilley, Sierra Vista Hospital emergency room Registered Nurse



I think they should keep spraying that insecticide, although some people are complaining about the health hazard side effects.

Pfc. Joseph Eze, MEDDAC



I look at the West Nile virus as any other deadly virus. As long as you take the necessary precautions, such as repellant, you’re less likely to contract the disease.

Sgt. André Beavers, MEDDAC

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IRS awards Volunteer Tax Assistance Center on fort

By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

The Staff Judge Advocate’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Tax Center received official recognition Wednesday in an award ceremony, receiving the VITA Military Award from the Internal Revenue Service, for being a small base regional tax center to process the most electronic federal returns to this date.

“The IRS makes the award based on how many federal returns are electronically filed; in our case, we filed 2,063,” said Capt. Christian Deichert, tax center officer in charge. “It’s interesting to note how much narrower our margin would be over Yuma MCAS if I wasn’t still electronically filing returns for soldiers returning from Operation Enduring Freedom; I’ve e-filed more than 30 since the tax center closed on Apr 15.”

“Overall I am really pleased with how the tax season went,” said Deichert, who explained the tax center was open Jan.7-April 15 processing over \$3.4 million in refunds at no charge to soldiers, dependents and retirees.

Additionally, an average charge of \$100 for a basic 1040 with no schedules and state taxes, the tax center saved those affiliated with the military about \$411,000 based just on the basic prices of H&R Block local tax offices.

Deichert added that normally the service takes less than 30 minutes, “We’re better than free, we’re paid for.”

The tax center normally has about five volunteers working part time for the center, but according to Deichert, this year the tax center had a bonus with Matthew Willis, working as a



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Capt. Christian Deichert, Tax Center officer in charge, reviews Spc. David Masga’s tax form. The tax center received the Internal Revenue Service’s VITA Military Award for processing the most electronic federal tax returns in the small base category.

full time volunteer for the center. Willis was named outstanding civilian volunteer for the tax center.

Along with Willis, there were 60 people who worked on and off during the tax season to include unit tax advisors and staff members.

Members included: Sgt. 1st Class Lynn Burns of Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, Shannon Long, a temporary clerk hired through JAG, and Renea Edwards, who worked two years in the tax center, but “was only able to work for us for two months this year before we unfortunately lost her to a permanent position she received with the AGs office,” Deichert said.

Deichert said as a service to soldiers returning from southwest Asia, the IRS has allowed an automatic extension of six months “from the day they leave the combat zone, plus

credit for every day they were gone during the regular tax season, and an additional 105 days on top of that,” giving them to the first part of February, 2003 if they missed the entire tax season this year. Otherwise taxes are due Oct. 15.

Fort Huachuca competed with the following tax centers: Yuma Marine Corps Air Station, Ariz., with 2,005 transmissions, Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz., with 108 transmissions; Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., with 1,426 transmissions; Kirtland Air Force Base, N. M., with 1,018 transmissions; and White Sands Missile Base, N.M., with 583 electronic transmissions.

The tax office will continue to accept appointments on Wednesdays to process tax returns for soldiers returning from Operation Enduring Freedom. For more information please call legal assistance at 533-2009.

Army suspends re-enlistment bonuses until Oct. 1

Army News Service

The Army today suspended its re-enlistment bonus programs for active-duty soldiers until Oct. 1.

The suspension became necessary with a retention success that exhausted the fiscal year 2002 re-enlistment budget, said Ron Canada, chief of the U.S. Army Personnel Command retention office. He said the Army has already re-enlisted more than 51,600 soldiers against its goal of 49,019, or 105 percent.

Soldiers who are scheduled to separate from the Army between Aug. 19 and Sept. 30 will be allowed to voluntarily extend until after Oct. 1 so they can re-enlist for a bonus, Canada said.

“We have to place a freeze on paying bonuses when soldiers re-enlist for the remainder of August through September because we’ve done so well with re-enlistment across the Army,” Canada said.

The programs frozen include the selective re-enlistment bonus, the targeted selective re-enlistment bonus and the broken service selective re-enlistment bonus programs.

The freeze does not affect Army Reserve or Army National Guard re-enlistment bonuses, officials said. Nor will it stop the payment of re-enlistment bonuses that have already been granted, Canada said.

Soldiers who re-entered the Army or re-enlisted prior to Aug. 19 and were entitled to a re-enlistment bonus will continue to be paid their bonuses, Canada explained. Soldiers entitled to an anniversary payment from an earlier re-enlistment will continue to receive their anniversary payments during this suspension, he said.

Soldiers who were scheduled to re-enlist

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MI soldiers enhance skills through Search and Rescue team

By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

When most soldiers think of rapid deployment teams, the images that come to mind are soldiers dressed in full battle gear, headed to a destination and mission unknown. Armed with weapons, NBC gear and other essential equipment these soldiers are ready in a moment’s notice to move out.

For a select few soldiers assigned to Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, one phone call can spark an immediacy for these soldiers to rapidly deploy – however they are not headed outside of the state. They’re mobilizing to come to the rescue of a hiker, crash victim, or assist victims of wildfires.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Davenport and Sgt. Chris Love spearhead a group of soldiers who volunteer their off-duty time as members of the Cochise County Search and Rescue Team.

“I realized my basic military skills were declining without practice, so I looked for a good way to hone my skills,” Davenport said. “Sergeant Love and I researched CCSR and saw they did advanced land navigation, first aid, tracking and GPS skills. I thought that was a good way to keep up my basic Common Task Training skills up.”

In a schoolhouse environment, the instructors are easily caught up in teaching on the platform and they don’t get the opportunity to train on tactical soldier skills as often. Volunteering with the CCSR provided an avenue for the soldiers, all instructors for the Electronic Warfare/ Intercept System Repairer, to train those skills.

“This breaks up the monotony of a day and a good way to refresh your memory as well,” Love said. “We’re doing this on our own time, helping other people who are in need. By the time we get called out, the situation has already developed. We’re not doing this for the recognition.”

Since their arrival on the team the soldiers have trained primarily on rope rescue techniques. Search and Rescue is divided into several categories ranging from dog teams, horse mounted teams, all-terrain vehicle teams and scuba diver teams.

The Search and Rescue volunteers assist the Sheriff’s Department in a county covering more than 65,000 square miles, which is larger than the state of Rhode Island.

According to Raul S. Limon, Cochise County Search and Rescue coordinator, their worth to the team is invaluable in both experience and training time.

“The soldiers are a resource who brings a lot to the table with the training they’ve already received by virtue of being in the Army,” Limon said. “The soldiers eliminate all of the basic first aid, land navigation, and communication training because they have it already. Com-



pared to someone who volunteers right off the street, if they’re not in the medical field, we have to start from scratch to train that individual.”

Limon said it takes a year for the average person who comes off the street just to get to that point, whereas the soldiers eliminate valuable training time. But most importantly Limon expressed their commitment to the team.

“These guys are very unselfish,” Limon said. “They’re willing to put up with discomfort and they’re willing to put the need of others in front of their own. It takes a special kind of person to give up their time because this organization takes, and takes, and takes your time.”

To the soldiers who make up the team, what they’re doing is just keeping in part of the Army value of selfless service.

“I believe there are two kinds of selfless service. There is selfless service to the Army and there is selfless service while you’re in the Army,” Davenport said. “The difference is ‘to the Army’ we give everything we can to the service. ‘While you’re in the Army’ means you’re giving more to the community.”

All of the soldiers agree that everything they’ve done would not be possible without support from their command and senior leadership.

“Our command has given us full support of what we’re doing,” Davenport said. “They’ve given us time during our duty day to go out on a mission and have juggled our schedule so that



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Top: Staff Sgt. Don Awbrey, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, properly enters a hovering helicopter during training on how to enter and exit aircraft. Several soldiers of the unit volunteer their off-duty time with the Cochise County Search and Rescue team. Above: Two soldiers await instructions to enter the aircraft from the pilot.

our classes or our responsibilities are covered.”

Although there have been some close calls this summer, the soldiers have been placed on alert twice for action – once to pull perimeter duty during the Shiloh wildfire, but was cancelled at the last moment, the other for a suspected lost person.

“We’ve had some close calls, but thank goodness this has been a quiet summer,” Davenport said. “It’s kind of crazy because you want to go out there and put your training to use, but you don’t want someone to be in a

situation where you have to use it.”

The soldiers on the CCSR team include Staff Sgt. Don Awbrey, Sgt. 1st Class Jim Kelly, Staff Sgt. Michael Tinnon, Sgt. Scott McDonald, and Staff Sgt. James Miller. Love’s wife Cassie is also a member of the team.

The Cochise County Search and Rescue team is always seeking additional volunteers. Soldiers interested in becoming a part of the team can contact Limon at 538-7560 or David Noland at 384-4288. The organization will be hosting an open house Sept. 5.

Facts of the West Nile Virus

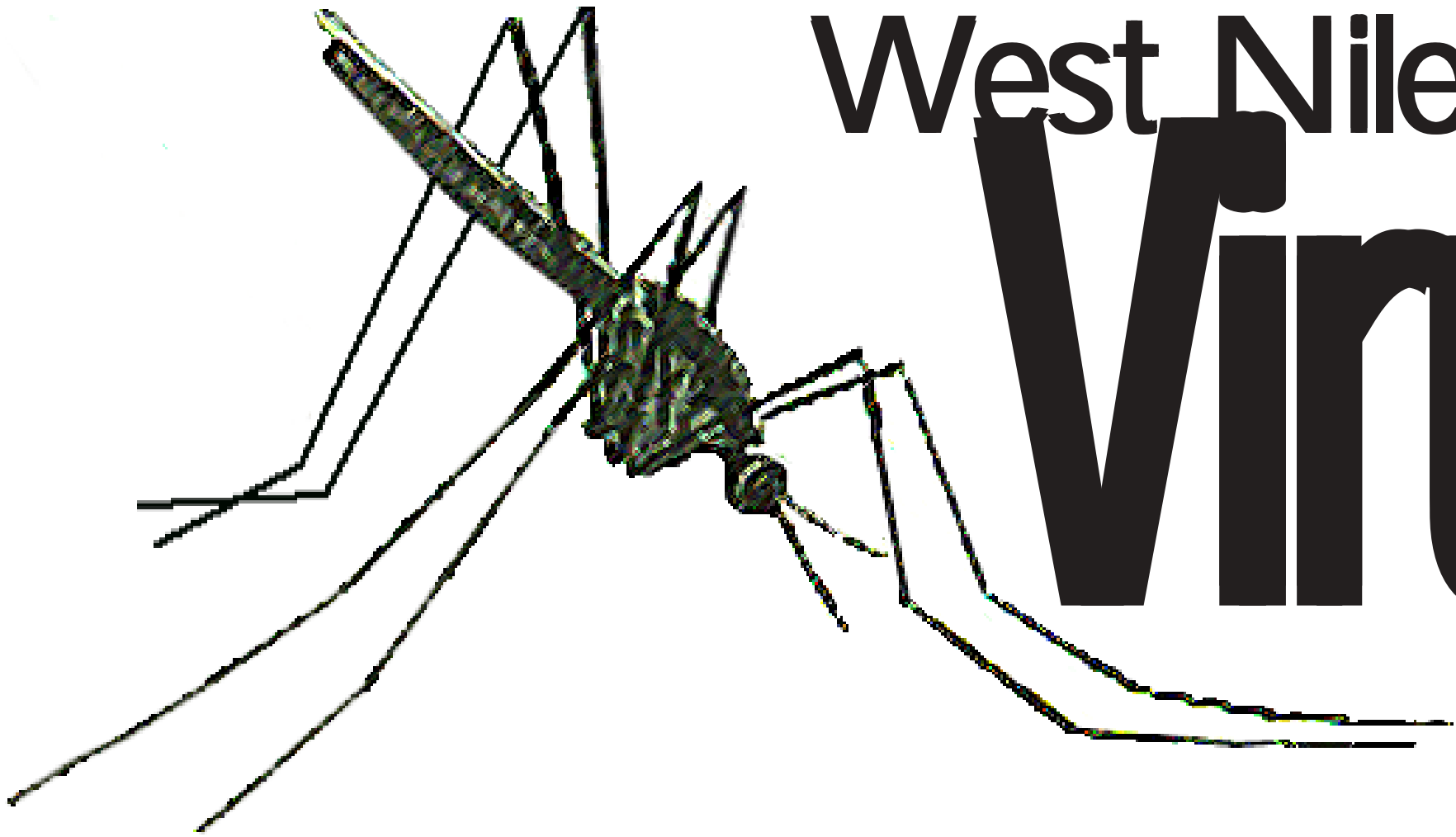


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By Katherine Goode
Scout Staff

The West Nile Virus, spread by mosquitoes and birds, is now reported by the Center for Disease Control Aug. 10, as an “emerging infectious disease epidemic” that has the potential to sweep from coast to coast.

However, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command surgeon “wants soldiers, family members and civilian employees to know that those who become seriously ill from the virus represent less than one percent of all people bitten by virus-carrying mosquitoes.”

The disease, commonly found in Africa, western Asia, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean region of Europe, is a mosquito-borne disease that until 1999 had never been documented in the Western Hemisphere.

Even though the virus has only seemed to affect about one percent of the population, WNV has spread at an exceedingly high rate, with approximately 71 illnesses in humans.

WNV normally becomes active during the summer and early fall months with the rise of the mosquito population.

Human WNV infections can be prevented by good mosquito control and the appropriate use of personal protective measures to include DEET repellent application on exposed skin areas and permethrin repellent on clothing.

At the current time, Arizona is at no current danger, said Bruce Heran, post safety manager, said that “right now, even in the areas where WNV exists you have as much chance getting hit with a bolt of lightning” as to get sick from the virus.

While there is also no evidence that people can obtain WNV from animals alive or dead, precautionary measures should include using gloves when handling dead animals, with use of double bags to dispose of them.

Fort Huachuca never has had a large mosquito population, but Heran said to help keep mosquitoes at bay, people can make sure there is no standing water left around. This could be in a tin can, or even a child’s wading pool.

According to Heran the most important thing to realize is that only one percent of those bitten by an infected mosquito are affected.

“There is a lot of hysteria right now, with people thinking that every mosquito bite is of danger,” he said.

Another important factor to remember when dealing with this virus though is WNV cannot be transmitted from person-to-person: from touching or kissing a person who has the disease, or from a healthcare worker who has treated someone with the disease.

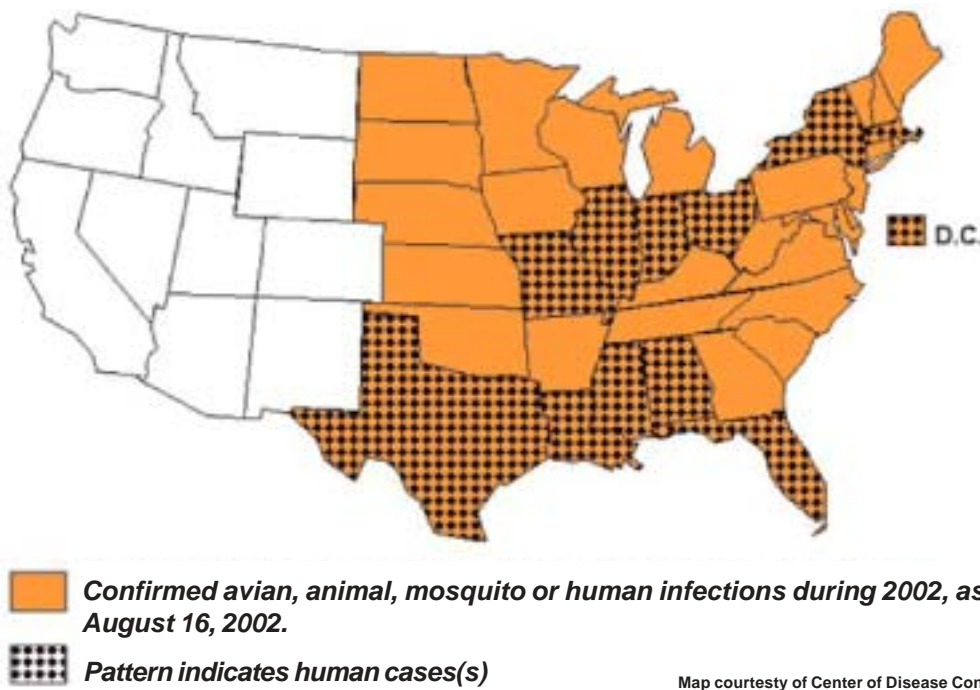
WNV takes on mild flu-like symptoms occurring after three to 15 days of being bitten by an infected mosquito, and as with any strain of flu, the old, young or those with poor immune systems can be at a higher risk.

In a few cases dealing with the elderly, encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, has occurred requiring hospitalization and further life support measures.

Heran said the WNV is still a long way from us, with cases as far away as eastern Texas and Colorado. “And believe it or not, that is a long way away,” he added.

For further information you can go online to: www.geis.ha.osd.mil.

West Nile Virus in the United States, 2002



Only one percent infected with West Nile Virus become seriously ill

By Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

As reports of deaths from the West Nile Virus make headlines, the Training and Doctrine Command surgeon wants soldiers, family members and civilian employees to know that those who become seriously ill from the virus represent less than one percent of all people bitten by virus-carrying mosquitoes.

“According to the Centers for Disease Control, in areas that have shown to be positive for the virus, in terms of birds and mosquitoes, there’s less than a one percent chance that someone will become seriously ill from any one mosquito bite,” said Dr. (Col.) Bernard DeKoning.

Still, as the 14 deaths now reported from the West Nile Virus this year indicate, there can be serious complications.

“They tend to occur in people who are older, say in their 50s, and those with disorders of the immune system where you tend to see complications, such as encephalitis, which is an inflammation of the brain and then all the complications that go with that.”

Of the people who died from West Nile Virus so far this year, most of them were in their 60s and 70s, he said.

If symptoms do occur they will appear in three to 15 days after a bite from a West Nile Virus-carrying mosquito. Young, healthy people who are infected usually experience “self-limited symptoms.”

“That’s a little fever, headache, some body aches,” DeKoning said. “They’ll feel like they have the flu. A virus causes flu; West Nile is a virus.

“The treatment is rest and fluids until you get over it, which can be anywhere from several days to a week, maybe 10 days.”

The virus was first reported in the United States in summer 1999. From then through 2001, 149 cases were reported with 18 deaths. As of Aug. 5, there are 71 reported cases, including 14 deaths.

The dramatic reporting of deaths from the West Nile Virus and the unsolved mystery of how the virus arrived in the Western Hemisphere may have some people on edge.

West Nile Virus is normally found in Africa, western Asia, the Mediterranean region of Europe and the Middle East. DeKoning said how the virus first came to Western Hemisphere has not been established.

“We don’t want to raise the panic level,” DeKoning said. “That’s always a balance for public health authorities. You want to inform the public and don’t want to create a panic.

So far there have been no infected humans, horses or birds on Department of Defense installations. However, there are large populations of virus-carrying birds and mosquitoes around Forts Myer, Va.; McNair, Washington, D.C.; McPherson, Ga.; Andrews AFB, Md.; and the Pentagon.

“There have been no reports from TRADOC installations of infected birds or mosquitoes,” said Col. Steve Guthrie, assistant deputy chief of staff for operations at TRADOC. “We’ve encouraged commanders to have an active command information program to tell people on their installations the actions they can take to reduce the mosquito population in their area, if required, and how to protect themselves if they are exposed to infected mosquitoes.

“We have asked commanders if they find they have infected birds and mosquitoes around their installations to report it to us. The headquarters can assist them in determining the next steps to take to help, as well as assisting any impacts on the rest of TRADOC or the Army.”

Guthrie said abatement procedures against mosquitoes that might be infected with the West Nile Virus are the same as those taken to control mosquito populations anywhere.

They include spraying standing water to kill mosquito larva. Aerial and ground-level spraying can be used to kill adult mosquitoes.

However, local authorities need to determine if such abatement procedures are required.

“We want commanders to develop any abatement and personnel protection programs, based on both their local situation and a risk analysis before expending a great deal of resources,” Guthrie said. “We would like to review their programs that might require significant resources before execution.”

Reduce your risk of West Nile infection

Mosquitoes may breed around your home and remain a nuisance in your neighborhood. Although the desert region isn’t a breeding ground for the insect, the current monsoon season creates a possible environment for mosquitoes to breed.

The following are recommendations for eliminating standing water and reducing mosquito breeding:

- * Dispose of cans, bottles and plastic containers. Store items to be recycled in covered trash cans or sealed bags.
- * Eliminate discarded tires. Fill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
- * Clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly. Eliminate standing water on flat roofs.
- * Turn over plastic wading pools, wheelbarrows and canoes.
- * Do not leave garbage can lids upside down. Do not allow water to collect in the bottoms of garbage cans.
- * Flush birdbaths and the bottom of potted plant holder trays twice a week.
- * Adjust tarps over grills, firewood piles, boats and swimming pools.
- * Re-grade drainage areas and clean debris out of ditches to eliminate standing water in low spots.
- * Clean and chlorinate swimming pools.

Aerate garden pools and add “mosquito dunks” found in hardware and garden stores.

* Fix dripping water faucets outside and eliminate puddles from air conditioners.

* Store pet food and water bowls indoors when not in use.

To protect yourself:

* Stay indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening.

* Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.

* Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET, since mosquitoes may bite through clothing.

* Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain 35 percent DEET - any higher concentration provides no additional protection.

* Repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children.

* Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer’s directions for use as printed on the product.

At present, there is no vaccine against West Nile encephalitis. The key to reducing your risk is prevention and protection.

(Walter Reed Army Medical Center Preventive Medicine Service)

Army’s refinements to Officer Evaluation Report system on the way

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Though the latest version of the officer evaluation report accurately assesses officers’ performance and potential, according to personnel managers, refinements to the Officer Evaluation Report system are on the way to address concerns from the field.

Approved refinements include: revising the rater portion of the report to separate performance and potential remarks; “masking” all lieutenant OERs upon promotion to captain; reviewing the possibility of masking chief warrant officer 2 OERs upon promotion to chief warrant officer 3; emphasizing current counseling and mentoring obligations; and conducting an annual assessment of the system.

The refinements are based on the recommendations of an eight-month review of the OER system that ended in April.

“The officer evaluation report is doing the job it was designed to do — that is, to assess the performance and potential of officers in a manner that provides an effective tool to identify, assign and select the best quali-

fied officers for promotion, education and command,” said George Piccirilli, Total Army Personnel Command officer evaluation system chief. “We know the OER is providing selection boards the information they need to select the leaders the Army needs.”

Piccirilli should know how well the OER system is doing the job it was designed to do as he briefs each officer board on the OER and reviews selections results and board surveys when the board concludes. He said he has gotten a lot of feedback in the last year that board members find it difficult to separate the rater performance remarks from potential ones as both are entered in the same section of the OER. To alleviate that confusion, PERSCOM will soon put out a message to double space between performance and potential comments until the actual OER form can be revised and fielded.

The OER review was prompted in part by the officer Army Training and Leader Development Panel study, released last May, that reported a perception in the field that Army culture expected a “zero-defects” performance of its leaders. Following the results of the study, Army

Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki directed a deeper looking into the OER system.

The decision to mask lieutenant OERs upon promotion to captain by moving the OERs to a restricted portion of an officer’s file allows junior officers more room to grow, ease the zero-defects perception and effectively remove comments from a junior officer’s file that may be a reflection of an initial learning curve, Piccirilli said.

“It isn’t a free pass for promotion up to captain,” Piccirilli said. “Those lieutenant OERs are present when captain promotion boards meet and are the basis for the promotion list it produces.”

The officer ATLDP also found a perception by many officers that a “center-of-mass” check on the OER by the senior rater meant no possibility of promotion beyond captain.

Center-of-mass ratings are not a killer, Piccirilli said, and promotion board results bear that out.

Statistics from fiscal year 2001 and 2002 boards show that the majority of officers selected for promotion to major, lieutenant colonel and colonel had a mix of center-of-mass and above-center-of-mass reports.

Only about 10 percent of the officers selected for major, lieutenant colonel and colonel had all above-center-of-mass OERs when their boards met. In fact, 11 and nine percent of those selected for promotion to major in FY 01 and 02 respectively had nothing but center-of-mass ratings in their files. For the lieutenant colonel selections, 17 percent of those picked up had pure center-of-mass files in FY 01, and two percent in FY 02. The difference between center-of-mass selection between FY 01 and 02 reflects a larger population of mixed files, officials said.

Promotions are based upon Army requirements, Piccirilli said, and those requirements often dictate the selection line between promote and do not promote to be draw somewhere in the center-of-mass population.

“A senior raters’ ability to give above-center-of-mass ratings is limited by regulation to less than 50 percent of the reports rendered in a particular grade,” Piccirilli said. “It allows senior raters the opportunity to advance their best, with the confidence others can’t inflate.”

As part of the OER review, surveyed senior leaders and junior officers were offered alternatives to the

senior rater portion of current OER. Almost all chose to remain with the current system, Piccirilli said.

“Feedback from selection boards clearly indicates that board members weigh an officer’s entire file during deliberations,” Piccirilli continued, “factoring in the officer’s assignment history, career progression and evaluation reports.”

Counseling is one area of concern identified by the ATLDP study. The subsequent OER system review found mix results in field interviews.. Some units conduct counseling very well — others don’t, Piccirilli said.

By regulation, raters must conduct a face-to-face initial counseling with all rated officers within 30 days of the beginning of the rated period. Periodic follow-up counseling should then be conducted as needed to make needed adjustments to agreed upon goals, Piccirilli said.

For rated lieutenants and warrant officers 1, quarterly development counseling is required and includes the use of the Junior Officer Development Support Form.

“We’ve found the best units schedule appropriate counseling in advance on their training calendars,” he said. “It’s a visible mark on the wall where everyone knows what is expected and when it is supposed to be done.”

For officers not getting the required counseling, Piccirilli advised that rated officers should seek appropriate opportunities to ask for rater feedback.

Counseling does not need to be a formal sit-down session — it can be a frank discussion at the motor pool or on the training range, Piccirilli said, as long as it covers the performance bases. Those bases include what the officer has been doing right, what he has been doing wrong, what improvements can be made and how he stacks up against other officers rated by the same rater.

“It can be tough to look someone in the eye and tell him he is at the bottom of the totem pole,” Piccirilli said, “but every officer deserves to know where they stand before an OER is filed.”

For more information on the OER system and officer promotion rates visit PERSCOM Online, www.perscom.army.mil, and select the Officer Information link under the Soldier Services section.

Committed to staying in – reenlisting soldiers for July



Post retention office

Each month the Post Retention Office will acknowledge Fort Huachuca soldiers who reenlist and stay Army.

Fort Huachuca is a great place to reenlist since 1877. The following soldiers reenlisted during the month of July:

111th Military Intelligence Brigade

Sgt. 1st Class: Robert Hall, Peter Gross, Chad Dean, Robert Zuniga

Staff Sgt.: George Graham, William Weekly, Charles Martinez

Sgt.: James Carroll, Jeremiah McAtee, Richard Peebles, Juan

Castillo-Gomez

Spc.: William Sizemore

112th Military Intelligence Brigade

Master Sgt.: Marianela Tomlin
Sgt.: Craig Marcelin, Marquis Millcooper, James Oneill, Jason Hall

Spc.: Fatima Garabitos

11th Signal Brigade

Staff Sgt: William Metts, Christopher Turner

Sgt.: Jimmy John, Undrate Morgan, Daniel Enyart, Robert Sarver, Toni Davis, Frank Heron, Jason

Molok, Tia Nichols, Brent Robinson, Robert Bakie, Christopher Kramer, Wendy Blackwood, Timothy Raber, Lenny Kalkbrenner, Jonathan Baugh

Spc.: Kamashia Terrance, Richard Townsend, Rona Stanley, James Premier, Khalid Stewart

Pfc.: Jeremy Hunley

U.S. Army Garrison

Staff Sgt.: Eddy Nubine
Sgt.: Jessica Inigo

Tenant Units

Staff Sgt.: Russell McLeod
Sgt.: Peter Nall, Nicholas Paternoster

Spc.: David Howland

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between Aug. 19 and Sept. 30 and were otherwise eligible for a bonus, will be advised to delay their re-enlistment until Oct. 1 or later or when the program will be funded for fiscal year 2003.

Those in specialties that do not have a bonus are not affected by this suspension and can continue to re-enlist, Canada said.

More than 100 of the Army’s military occupational skills had offered bonuses and are affected by the re-enlistment suspension, Canada said.

More information about the job specialties that were receiving re-enlistment bonuses can be found in military personnel messages 02-174 dated Jun. 16 and message 02-205 dated July 16. These mes-

sages can be found on <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil>. Personnel officials ask that this suspension information reach all commanders, re-enlistment offices, recruiters, and finance and accounting offices.

Re-enlistment offices will be notified through the Army retain system over the weekend, Canada said, and career counselors worldwide will be informed Monday morning when they turn on their retain system. Career counselors throughout the Army will be able to answer questions about reenlistment options, Canada added.

(Editor’s note: Information provided by PERSCOM Public Affairs.)

Pets of the Week



My name is Falcor, and I am a big orange male tabby mixed with white. I would really like some children to play with because I am so tolerant of them. Please come and visit me at the vet clinic, or better yet give me a nice new home to go to. My adoption fee is \$42, which includes neutering, microchipping, deworming, leukemia testing and my annual vaccinations.



I am a big fluffy, black and white female Akita mix named Tia. I love to go on walks, or just cuddle after a hard days work. I would be an excellent companion for your kids, even little ones because I am so gentle. All you need is \$52, and I get vaccinated, dewormed, a spay and a heartworm test.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

Have we got news for you!

Read it online, click on huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO

Community Updates

EPG range closures

The Electronic Proving Ground has reserved the East Range on Sunday, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. The range will be closed on those dates due to hazardous operations, except for designated personnel working with EPG.

Arizona Teacher of the Year deadline nears

The **Sept. 6**, application deadline is nearing for Arizona's 2003 **Teacher of the Year** sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank in collaboration with The Arizona Republic and Channel 12, with additional support provided by the Challenger Learning Center of Arizona, and for **Intel's Science and Math Innovator of the Year** sponsored by Intel Corporation.



Arizona Educational Foundation

Public school teachers, kindergarten through 12th Grade, may apply for these awards.

The Teacher of the Year award is the only statewide program, that for the past 19 years, has spotlighted the contributions of Arizona's teachers. Each year, the program recognizes five exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers who have gained the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers. These teachers play an active and useful role in their communities as well as their schools, distinguishing themselves as leaders. They have a superior ability to help all students achieve and inspire them to learn.

The Teacher of the Year will receive a prize package to include **\$20,000** cash, use of the Wells Fargo Suite at America West Arena or BOB, a chance to compete for National Teacher of the Year, professional speech training, a laptop computer from Intel and three trips: one to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., one to meet the President of the United States and one to attend the National Teachers Forum. Four Teacher of the Year Ambassadors will be named; each of them will receive **\$5,000** cash, use of the Wells Fargo Suite at America West Arena or BOB, professional speech training, a laptop computer from Intel and a "Space Mission" from the Challenger Learning Center. **Winners will be announced at the annual luncheon at the Heard Museum Nov. 13.**

In addition to the Arizona Educational Foundation's Teacher of the Year, two awards

are available from Intel Corporation to honor Arizona's "Math Innovator of the Year" and "Science Innovator of the Year." Intel is offering two-**\$10,000** cash awards and a laptop computer to the winners. These teachers are distinguished because of their innovative method of teaching math or science. Their methods must be not only innovative, but also creative, effective and worth sharing.

For nomination forms or applications, or for more information, contact the Arizona Educational Foundation at (480) 421-9376. **Deadline for applications is Sept. 6.**

SSA Inventory

The Supply Support Activity will be closed for inventory Sept. 3 - 6. No issues or turn ins will be transacted. This does not affect local purchase pick up. In case of emergency situations, please contact Dan Berry at 533-5828 or Pat Quintana at 533-5610.

Personnel appointments at Whiteside Hall

Effective June 20, the Adjutant General Directorate was reorganized IAW a commercial activities study. In order to obtain military personnel services support, soldiers must go through their units to make an appointment to visit the AGD. The only office that still accepts walk-in traffic is the ID Card Section in Building 41420. Also, In-Processing now begins at 7:30 a.m., five days a week, by appointment only.

Post retention office relocated

The post retention office has moved from Whiteside Hall. The new location is Building 41420, second floor, above the ID card and SIDPERS section.

Dental activity closure

The U.S. Army Dental Activity will close at 11 a.m. Sept. 6 for Organization Day activities. Emergency patients should call the Dental Charge of Quarters at 508-9700 or pager 533-3500, code 306.

CIF closure

The Central Issue Facility will be closed Sept. 18-20 for inventory. In case of emergency situations, please call Dan Berry, 533-5828 or Cliff Hensley, 538-8771.

New DOIM training enrollee contact

Effective immediately the Directorate Of Installation Management help desk will be assuming the responsibility for enrolling requesting individuals into the DOIM provided training classes. Therefore, if any U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca employee wishes to sign up for DOIM provided office suite and/or Access data base software classes, call 533-1212 to enroll.

As a reminder, the DOIM training schedule can be found on the Fort Huachuca web page under the TRAINING category, by clicking the option: "DOIM Computer Classes."

BSEP Class

The Education Center will sponsor a Basic Education Skills Program class which will begin Sept. 9 and end Sept. 20. The class will run from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily with emphasis placed on English and math skills. A pre-test will be administered at 7:15 a.m., the first day of class.

A post-test and general/technical predictor will be given Sept. 19 and an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test will be administered Sept. 20. This is a great opportunity to participate in a class that is rarely given due to budget constraints. Raise your GT score and increase your re-enlistment possibilities!

For more information e-mail Bob Campbell robert.campbell@hua.army.mil or call 533-5690.

Scholarships available

The Naval Science Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship program has 120 scholarships available that need to be filled!

The scholarships are no longer race based. Everyone is invited to participate. If you know of any young men and women who might be interested, please get the word out at churches and any other organizations you affiliate with. This is an opportunity for a four year scholarship!

All HBCU's that host NROTC units will provide these scholarships.

The schools are:
Southern University
Morehouse College
Spellman University
Morris Brown University
Hampton University
Norfolk State University
Florida A&M University
Savannah State University,
and Prairie View A&M.

There are 120 scholarships available in all, but they must be filled prior to the end of August. Only two are filled, 118 scholarships remain. Contact Craig Krusemark, educational advisor for the Fort Huachuca Educational Center at 533-2047 for more information.

PWOC fall kickoff

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to join us for a special Fall Kickoff Program Sept. 3. Our theme is "Moving into PWOC."

Invite a friend and come join us for fellowship, fun and food. The program runs

from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

Nursery care is provided for children ages 6 months to 5 years olds for all military ID card holders.

Our regular weekly meetings complete with praise and worship, Bible Study and fellowship begin the following week. Our Bible studies this fall will be: "The Book of Acts" taught by Chaplain Dickson; "Know What You Believe" taught by JoAn Daggett; "Creative Counterpart" taught by April Arnold; and "A Woman after God's Own Heart" taught by Christine Henry. The last class is a "Mommy and Me" class where mothers are welcome to bring their babies to class.

Summer gospel revival

The Fort Huachuca community is invited to attend the Kino Gospel Protestant Service Summer Revival, happening now through Aug. 23 and 25 at the Kino Avenue Chapel on Fort Huachuca. Pastor Felix Gilbert, senior pastor of Restoration Christian Fellowship, in Aurora, Colo. and former senior pastor of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Sierra Vista, will be the guest speaker and teacher. The theme is "Step back and let God do it."

Each service will be preceded by musical selections from community choirs.

For more information, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Garry Dale at 533-2366.

Jewish High Holiday services

Jewish High Holiday services are scheduled as follows:

Rosh Hashana: Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Yom Kippur is scheduled for Sept. 15 (Kol Nidre), at 6:15 p.m. and Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Main Post Chapel.

For more information contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bonnie Koppell at 533-6570.

Language lab has moved

The Military Intelligence Foreign Language Center, commonly referred to as the Language Lab, is in its new home and open for business.

The Language Lab moved from its past location in Alvarado Hall to O'Neil Hall (Building 61809), room 175. Video Conferencing language classes will be conducted in the Fort Huachuca Distance Learning Center in room 1046, Classroom 1 at Greely Hall (Building 61801).

All Defense Language Proficiency Testing will be conducted at O'Neil Hall in Room 230 every Monday and Thursday from 7:30 -11:30 a.m.

The point of contact for any questions pertaining to the movement of the language lab is Sgt. 1st Class Mark Stephens at 533-2360. Stephens can be located in room 253 at O'Neil Hall. The VTC classes in Greely Hall contact is Kermit Robinson at 533-9476.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Community Events Calendar

To add items to the calendar, call the Central Community Coordinator at 533-6970.

Celebrate Oktoberfest 2002

Veteran's Memorial Park
Sept. 6 from 5 - 11:30 p.m.,
Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
& Sept. 8 from 12-5 p.m.

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- The Vigilantes at the Hellorado Set in Tombstone from 1 p.m.*

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- San Pedro Kiwanis meets at noon in the Crystal Room of Thunder Mountain Inn. Contact Nilda Townsend at 458-9647.
- Thunder Mountain Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Inn. Call Dianna Smith at 432-3883.
- Army Family Team Building Level II Training offered at the ACS Conference Room from 5:30 - 9 p.m. This course is only offered once a quarter. Contact 533-33686 to register.**

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- National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11 a.m. at OYCC.
- Put Prevention Into Practice (PIIP) & Health Promotion Class meets from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at MCC. Call 533-2246 for additional info.**
- Army Family Team Building Level II Training offered at the ACS Conference Room from 5:30 - 9 p.m.**
- Cochise Toastmasters meets at Landmark Café from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Toni Reeves at 538-7502.

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- La Salida Del Sol Lions meet at Thunder Mountain Inn at 6:45 a.m. Call Lee at 378-1399 for details.
- SV Parks & Leisure is sponsoring Movies at the YC al day. This event is free and open to youth ages 11 - 17 years of age. Call 459-4377 for info.**
- Army Family Team Building Level II Training offered at the ACS Conference Room from 5:30 - 9 p.m. .**
- Protestant Youth Program "Teen Desert Disciples" meet at 7 p.m. Call Chaplain Jesse King at 533-6731 for details.**

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- SV Optimist Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Landmark Café. Call John Schirmer at 378-1062.
- National Association of Retired Employees Chapter 1400 meets at 11a.m. at OYCC. Call 378-6605 for details.
- Women's Equality Day Celebration at La Hacienda beginning at 11:30.**
- Early Release for Fort Huachuca Schools. Myer, Kindergarten @ 1:20 p.m. Grades 4 &5 @ 1:30p.m. Johnston, grades 1 - 3 @ 1:15 p.m. and Smith, Grades 6-8 @ 1:40 p.m.

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- Rollerskating at Youth Services, Bldg. 49013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 533-3205 for details.**

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- Youth Services at Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1 - 8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.**

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Labor Day

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- Huachuca Area Retired Teachers Association meets at OYCC at 10 a.m.

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- Army Community Service is sponsoring a Newcomer's Information Fair at MCC from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Call 533-6874 for details.**
- Youth Services Bldg. 49013 has open recreation from 1-8 p.m. Call 533-3205 for info.**

MCC = Murr Community Center

MPC = Main Post Chapel

OYCC = Oscar Yrun Community Center

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

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riosity of Dale Durkit, a Roads and Grounds Branch employee with the post’s O&M Contractor, All Star, was raised.

Durkit noticed a ground squirrel enter a hole in the pavement. Upon closer inspection, Durkit realized there was a significant void beneath the pavement.

Durkit notified George Jones, Lead for the Roads & Grounds Branch. After Jones’ inspection, Nucci was notified.

“He needs to be commended for his alertness,” Nucci said. “In a time when we’re focusing our attention on looking for suspicious activity, this guy saw something that would have gone unnoticed.”

Nucci went underground with a flashlight and was amazed at the amount of scouring which took place. After an evaluation, he notified his supervisors and decided to close the intersection.

“This is worse than what we thought and was a potentially dangerous situation,” Nucci said. “Just as someone sits in a chair, you have faith it’s going to hold you. It’s the same when you’re driving on a road.

“You don’t expect the ground to give way while you’re behind the wheel of a car. People don’t realize the road has a bearing capacity.”

Nucci said the intersection was closed because if a vehicle, especially a heavy one such as a fire truck or a concrete mixer traveled on the road, the weight of the vehicle could perhaps cause the pavement to collapse causing a serious accident.

“It is a nuisance, like a cancer growing under there,” Nucci said. “Our intent is to fix it. We know what to do to correct this situation.”

There is no immediate timetable to repair the culvert. DIS dumped rocks in the initial hole to stabilize the road but the scouring is too extensive to make this practical for the entire culvert.

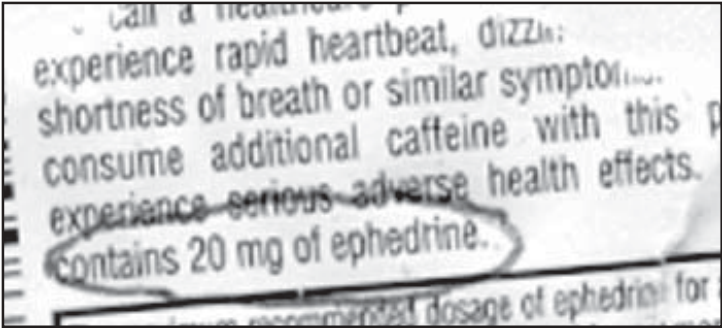
The intersection of Grierson and Adair will remain open (posted with a “no-outlet” sign to keep motorists from entering the intersection).



Photo by Daniel Nucci

Scouring, caused by water eroding dirt underneath the ground, lessens a road’s bearing capacity and could lead to sinkholes.

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Users of products containing ephedra can expect to experience rapid heartbeat, which puts more strain on the heart, which can be too much for the heart and one’s body to handle.

raise their muscles mass, DeKoning said.

“One side effect of ephedra is that it increases the heart rate and puts more strain on the heart,” he said.

“The sale of ephedra-containing products by facilities on TRADOC installations is seen by our soldiers as an affirmation that their use is safe and acceptable.”

“Soldiers participate in physically strenuous activity, often times in harsh environmental conditions such as high heat and humidity.

“If a cardiac stimulant such as ephedra

dra is in the bloodstream, the heart and the rest of the body may not withstand the strain.”

The TRADOC Surgeon is in sync with the FORSCOM Surgeon in proposing to their respective leaders that AAFES should be asked to remove nutritional supplements containing ephedra.

“We have installations that are a mixture of FORSCOM and TRADOC, for instance, Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Bliss, Texas,” he said. “It’s an obligation to those soldiers and to our own throughout TRADOC.”

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Sept. 11, to remember and honor the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks one year ago.

Brig. Gen. James “Spider” A. Marks, commanding general of the USAIC&FH, will lead the formation and make remarks. The flag will be lowered to half-staff during the ceremony.

Later that day, the fort will join with the city of Sierra Vista to host “United in Freedom,” an event honoring the memory of the victims, paying tribute to the heroes and celebrating the perseverance of the American spirit.

The event takes place at 6:30 p.m. in Veteran’s Memorial Park in Sierra Vista. The event is free and open to the public.

United by the memory of the heroes and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, we are a nation determined to win the war against terrorism.

The Army recognized more than 70 soldiers and Department of the Army civilians as heroes, for rescuing people from the burning Pentagon last September.

Soldiers from Fort Huachuca have deployed to help fight the Global War on Terror-

ism, creating the conditions for peace and helping to keep it, training for missions that are certain to come, protecting and defending our homeland and transforming for the future.

As the Army has taken on new missions abroad since last year’s terrorist attacks against the nation, its citizen soldiers have taken on new missions at home.

Soldiers from Company C, 1/185th Infantry Division of the California National Guard and 2/180th Field Artillery of the Arizona National Guard have been assigned here to assist Fort Huachuca with its force protection and homeland security missions.

The morning formation will take place on Chaffee Parade Field in Prosser Village. Off-post visitors can access the ceremony through the East Gate, continuing down Hatfield and making right hand turn on Hunt. Seats are available in the bleachers.

Visitors to the installation must obtain a pass to access the post by stopping at the Main or East Gates and showing two forms of photo identification, proof of insurance and vehicle registration.